Dr. Christian Reviews Old School Book

(Editor's note: Dr. D. A. Christian, Jr. called us recently to tell of a very old text book he had, and of its many interesting teachings. He has kindly written the following article on this book).

Dear Editor:

The Book referred to in my conversation was entitled, Geographia Classica of The Application of Ancient Georgraphy to the Classics. I quote some of the language as printed in this book, as follows—

"The Earth was long considered as an extensive plain of unknown thickness, beneath which was the abode of the spirits of the dead... the regions of Elisium and Tartarus. The Heavens in which the sun, moon and stars move daily from East to West, were conceived to be at no great distance from it and to be only designed for its use as an ornament. More attentive observation, however, soon showed that the earth was of globular figure. But it is needless to bring up these old ideas since the voyages of different navigators have traveled around the globe since the time of Magelhaens or Magellan, who first ship circumnavigated the globe between the years 1519-1522.

"The great event of the creation of the world, before which there was neither matter nor form of any thing, is placed, according to the best chronologers, in the year before Christ 4004.

"The sacred records have fully determined the question, that the world was not eternal and also ascertained the time with great precision. It appears in general, from the first chapters in Genesis, that the world before the flood, was extremely populous; that mankind had made considerable progress in arts and were becoming extremely vicious both in their sentiments and manners. Their wickedness gave to a memorable catastrophe, by which the whole human race, except Noah and his family were swept from the face of the earth. The deluge took place (2348 B. C.) in the 1656th year of the world, and produced a very considerable change of soil and atmosphere of the globe, rendering them less friendly to the frame and texture of the human body. Hence the abridgement of the life of man, and that formidable train of diseases, which has ever since made such havock in the world. The memory of the three sons of Noah, the first founder of nations, was long preserved among their several descendants. Japhat continued famous among the western nations, under the celebrated name of Iapetus; the Hebrews paid an equal veneration to Shem who was the founder of their race, and among the Egyptians, Ham was long revered as a dignity, under the name of Jupiter Hammon. It appears that hunting was the principle occupation some centuries after the Deluge. The world teemed with wild beasts; and the great heroism of those times consisted of destroying them. Agriculture appears to have been known in the first ages of the world. Noah cultivated the vine; in the time of Jacob the fig tree, and the almond were well known in the land of Canaan long before the discovery of Greece. The Ancient Greeks and Romans knew only three divisions of the world—Europe, Asia and Africa. In Europe they knew little or rather no acquaintance with the countries north of Germany, now Prussia, Sweden, Denmark and Norway which was called Scandinavia and thought to consist of a number of islands. East of Germany and north of the Black Sea, now Russia equally unknown to them. In Asia they knew nothing north of the Caspian, but called all that country Scythia. Let students of Ancient History and scholars of Science trace the formation of the world down to the present day, each individual in his own way, and the question as to whether it is one hundred thousand years old or five thousand nine hundred and fifty eight, no one can say. We have a Bible history of 4004 years B. C. But nothing to show how long before that it was formed as far as science is concerned.

The interesting part of the book to me is the Chronological Table giving dates of different Biblical events and characters.

I quote the following items from this table—

Creation of the World, 4004 B. C.
The Deluge (Flood) 2348 B. C.
Tower of Babel built and the confusion of languages, 2247.
Birth of Abraham, B. C. 1996.
Joseph sold into Egypt, 1728 B. C.
Moses born, B. C. 1571.
Five books of Moses written Moses died nevt year, 1452 B. C.
Saul made King of Israel, 1095.
Dedication of Solomon's Temple 1004 B. C.
Kingdoms of Israel and Judah divided, 975 B. C.
Elijah taken up to heaven, B. C. 896.

(Editor's note: Dr. Christian advises that he recalls have written an article for this paper years ago, telling of the last hanging in Appomattox County (1868) and that he misplaced his copy of that article and would appreciate a copy if anyone has one. We are always delighted to have Dr. Christian furnish us with one of his interesting articles, as he has done often through the years.)

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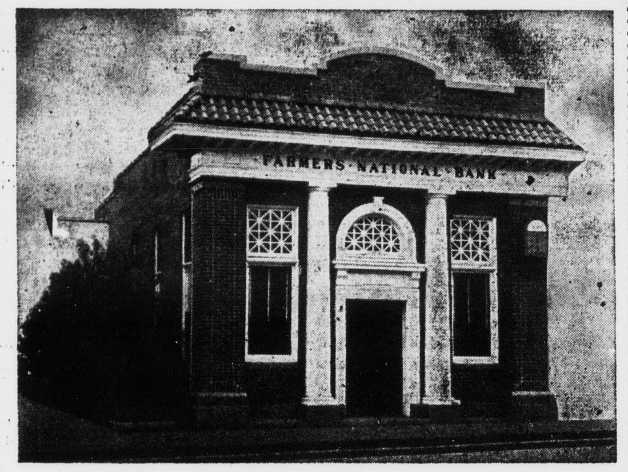

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CLOVER MITES EXPECTED TO MIGRATE INTO HOUSES

Homeowners in the upper Shenandoah Valley can expect a migration of clover mites into their houses in the near future.

Arthur P. Morris, associate entomologist at VPI, says the migration likely will occur in all parts of the state. The best answer to the problem is to control the mites on vegetation around the houses. Use parathion or malathion to control them before fall migration starts.

Once the insects are in the house, any household spray in a stainless oil will get rid of them. Mop surfaces and furniture with rags soaked in the insecticide. The mites are destroyed by the oil solvent—not necessarily by the insecticide.

Other insects reported recently include cabbage webworms which are causing heavy damage to turnips in Halifax. To control the insect, use 3 or 5% DDT dust on the foliage. The part of the plant below the ground will not be affected and can be used for food. The foliage should not be used for food until 45 days after treatment.

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The '55 FORDS are coming...

Homemakers Items

Accessories are the spice of a room. And the good decorator like the good cook knows that too little spice makes a flat, uninteresting product; too much makes confusion.

That's the tip from Miss Ruth Jamison, house furnishings specialist at VPI, who has several tips on how to use accessories wisely.

For instance, she says a fireplace in a room is the center of interest. Your most important picture, clock, pitcher, pewter plates, etc., belong here. Arrange articles on the mantel so they are well-balanced. For formal balance place a group of objects on each side an equal distance from the center. Informal balance is perhaps more interesting than formal balance. Follow the principle that you would in using weights on a scale. Heavier objects can be placed nearer the center to balance smaller objects near the end.

When you hang a picture over a mantel, keep proportion in mind. Do not use a picture that is too small for the space, hung so high that it is not a part of the mantel grouping. Choose a larger picture that conforms to the shape of the wall space. Hang it with the edge near the mantel. Use suitable accessories to complete the group.

Before building a picture window, be sure you have a view you will enjoy and one which you can control. A window overlooking a lovely view at the back of the house gives you more privacy than does a glass wall on the front of your house revealing you to the passerby. Do not put a lamp with a frilly shade on a spindly table in the center of your window. Swag curtains may retract from the view. A low table for the use of those sitting by the window is a good choice. On it you may keep current magazines, a big ash tray and a bowl of fruit.

Many Virginia families have television sets. Get the set out of the corner and arrange it with other furnishings on the best wall for viewing it. Flank it with two utility cabinets or a sturdy bench that serves as a seat or to hold a TV snack. You may want to build the shelf into a bookshelf wall.

Choose lamps to make a reading, studying, or working unit comfortable and convenient. A suitable lamp gives enough good light for the person using the nearest chair or sofa. The overall height of a lamp may be 25" to 28" depending on the height of the table on which you use it. A floor lamp should stand 47" to 48" from the floor to the bottom of the shade. Choose light, translucent shades to permit some light to shine through.

Other tips on the use of pictures, mirrors, desk, dining table and coffee accessories, are available in a new bulletin, "Accessories, How to Use Them." Ask your home demonstration agent, or write the VPI Agricultural Extension Service, Blacksburg, Virginia, for a free copy.

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PHENOTHIAZINE - SALT MIXTURES TRIED FOR SHEEP, CATTLE

It looks like the prejudice against the use of phenothziane-salt mixture for growing lambs is unfounded.

In tests at VPI Agricultural Experiment Station run this summer by R. C. Carter and Dr. W. L. Threlkeld, it was shown that a mixture of one part phenthziane to 14 parts of salt did not cause ewes to dry up in milk, or prevent lambs from nursing due to the supposed distaste caused by phenothiazine. Additional tests are planned before definite conclusions are made.

At the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md., a one-to- nine mixture of phenothziane and loose salt has given practical control of parasites in sheep. The use of phenothiazine - salt mixtures for cattle has not been successful in holding down parasites because the cattle won't eat enough of it.

HEAVY LOADING OF FARM WIRE IS DANGEROUS

Outmoded wiring is one of the most common hindrances to effective use of electrical help in labor-saving around the farm.

Specialists in rural electrification at VPI say too often loads have been added beyond the original capacity of the circuit. Flickering lights and slow action of heaters, and over heated and burned-out motors are too common.

The cost or rewiring is often repaid in savings in the electric bill. The energy lost in resistance heating of undersize circuit wires shows up on the meter but serves no good purpose.

A thorough inspection of all the farmstead wiring, in the house, in the outbuildings, and in connecting circuits is recommended as a starting point for improvement.

TIME TO ORDER TREE SEEDLINGS

The time to order fore[st] seedlings is at hand.

F. W. Patton, associate [...] at VPI, points out that [the] planting season in the east[ern sec]tion of Virginia is from mid[...] ber through mid-March. In [...] of the state it is from late [...] ary to the middle of April. [He ad]vises ordering early, as tre[es] are placed on the first-come [first-]served basis.

Application blanks for [...] trees are available at county [...] offices throughout the state, [...] Virginia Forest Service offi[ces].

Patton points out that [...] timber in Virginia is being c[ut fast]er than it is growing. A re[cent sur]vey shows that our pine ti[mber has] been reduced 23% since 19[...] many areas good stands of [...] are not reproducing themsel[ves aft]er a cutting operation.

To maintain a desirable [...] many landowners should [...] recently cut-over or bur[ned] land. Often, if these areas [...] spot-planted to desirable spe[cies] less species may take over [...] doned areas should be pla[nted] they often do not have a see[d source] of desirable trees.

In most cut or burned area[s] 300 to 500 trees will be ne[eded to] plant an acre, while open fi[elds] need about 1,000 trees per [acre].

Nursery prices per [...] trees are: loblolly pine, [...] pine, shortleaf pine and b[...] cust, $4,00; red pine, whi[te pine,] red cedar and black walnut, [...]

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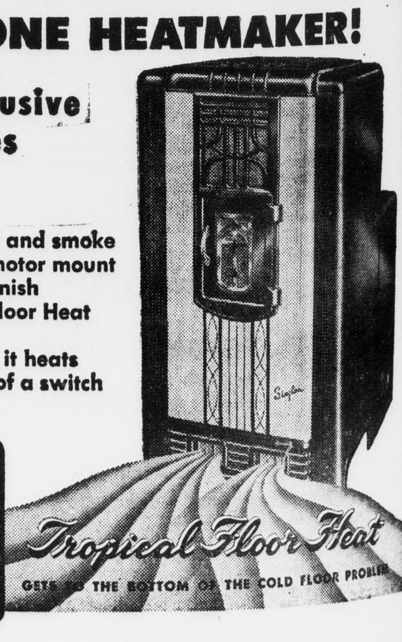

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[Al]exandria To Be Host To [An]tique Lovers Nov. 11-14

[Alexa]ndria, Va.- Storied old Alexandria, [...] of pre-Revolutionary charm, [will be] the scene of the 7th Annual [Alexand]ria Antiques Show, to be [held at] the Alexandria Recreation [...] from Nov. 11 through 14. [...] exhibitors from five states, [the Dis]trict of Columbia and Canada. [...] arresting feature of the [...] show attracting antique lov[ers from] all over the Eastern Sea[board] will be the wealth of moder[...] "liveable" items which [...] practical Americans success[fully] blending the "something old-[something] new" theme in contem[porary] living.

[If this] is your first visit to Alex[andria] the show sponsors recom[mend th]at you make time for a walk [...] of the old seaport town. [...] can be found a more flour[ishing co]llection of original colonial [...] each individual with exqui[site door]ways, rare hardware and [...] architectural detail. Visi[tors are] invariably intrigued with the [...] markers" found on some of the [...] stemming from the time [...] volunteer fire companies [...] was a mark of social as well [...] distinction to be a member [of] rival organizations. Brick [...] enclose charming gardens and [...] treatments abound in some neighborhoods where the pavement is flush with the house. An owner of one such house has succedded in wreathing his arched doorway with orange berried pyracantha in lieu of a front garden.

Seven years ago the John Alexander Chapter, D. A. R., sponsored the Alexandria Antiques Show and while there are now over 30 antinque shows held each year in Virginia, this popular show has the distinction of being the first of its kind sponsored by an organization. All proceeds of the show are earmarket for charitable, educational and patriotic purposes, according to the Virginia Travel Council.

One New England dealer will feature early New England primitives, glass, tin, iron and collector's items while a New York exhibitor will star collector's items in rare enamels, ivories, poreclains, mineatures, and figurines. Children and adults alike will be enchanted with the early historic and antique dolls to be found, and for those treasuring old lattern glass, clocks, paintings and fine china, these will be found in abundance. Early American and Continental Antiques, Early Victorian Period and fine old Virginia furniture will be shown in addition to a fascinating array of Early American and Georgian silver, bric-a-brac lamps, accessories, wall decor and fine prints. From New Hope, Pa., comes one of the most unique features of this or any other antique show — country primitives and quaint carrousel animals reminescent of a more leisurely and uncomplicated era. A cigar store Punch and examples of American woodcarving in the 1800's are other highlights.

In accord with the traditions of the sponsor, it is hoped that the many points of interest in the area are not overlooked by the visitor to Alexandria. Hospitable guides at lovely old Christ Church where Washington and Lee worshipped, the Carlsyle House, Gadsby's Tavern, and the Alexandria Gazette, the oldest daily newspaper in the U. S., the Old Presbyterian Manse, Leadbeater - Stabler's Apothecary Shop will offer dividends to the visitor touring the historic city.

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NEW USES FOR ANIMAL FATS DEVELOPED BY RESEARCHERS

Animal fats have been a drug on the market lately, but researchers are pointing the way to new and benefiiial uses, report animal husbandmen at VPI.

George Litton, head of the animal husbandry department(says five billion pounds of animal fats are rerovered from rendering plants every year. Research is investigating the use of them as plasticizers in the plastic industries.

The use of fat in the tinning busines where metal is dipped into the tin helps to give a continuous thin layer of tin, which looks as good or better than any other process.

Fat is also being tested in blacktopping roads, synthetic rubber, tallow alcohol, synthetic detergents, and in feeds. The same machinery that puts in molasses can also put in fats. There are about 3,000,000 tons of formula feeds now sold. If 2% fat were included, the problem of surplus fat would be solved.

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ALL YEAR COVER PRACTICE USEFUL AS SUPPLEMENTAL PASTURE

A year-round cover crop practice, commonly called "D-4" and included in the Virginia Agricultural Stalibization Conservation program, is especially useful for farmers who will need additional pasture in 1955, say agronomists at VPI.

The practice is to encourage the use of a soil protecting crop on cropland taken out of production for 1955. Soil building and erosion are among the benefits.

The D-4 practice provides for assistance in seeding, liming, and fertilizing certain winter annual and summer annual crops, or permanent type hay or pasture crops on cropland taken out of production for the entire year of 1955. Seedings may be made in the spring or fall of 1955 or both, depending on the crop or crops seeded. Crops seeded under this practice may be grazed.

The practice is temporary in nature. It does not depend on previous conservation measures, nor does it affect any practices that may be carried out on the same land in the future.

Special permission to harvest crops seeded under D-4 for hay or silage may be granted by county ASC committees with approval from the state ASC committee in some areas where the drouth has caused a shortage of forage. The area does not necessarily have to be declared a "drouth disaster area" for the permission to be granted.

Details of the D-4 and other ASC practices are available from county ASC offices, county agents, or Soil Conservation technicians.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Nov. 2.- We want to thank everyone who helped us make our party a success at the Stonewall Community Center last Friday night. We had a big crowd and appreciate everyone coming and all they did to make it a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Carson, of Roanoke spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Roach and children, of Dillwyn spent the week-end with her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson and other home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Keading, who have been gone nearly a year, have arrived to visit Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler. They expect to return to Illinois to make their home. Mr. Keading has gotten his discharge from the Army, glad to know. Best wishes go with them in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Lee and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler on Sunday.

Miss Anne Carson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bethel and daughter, Linda, spent the week-end with her father, Mr. C. D. Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wheeler and son, Brad moved into their lovely new home last Wednesday. Best wishes go with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler had all their children home on Sunday for a family reunion, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and boys and Miss Bertha Wheeler, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler and Louise, of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wheeler and son, Brad, of Spout Spring; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Keading.

Quite a few from around here attended the funeral of Mr. Herman Harding at Mt. Comfort Church on Saturday evening. Deepest sympathy is extended to his family and loved ones.

Miss Louise Burnette, of Harrisonburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette.

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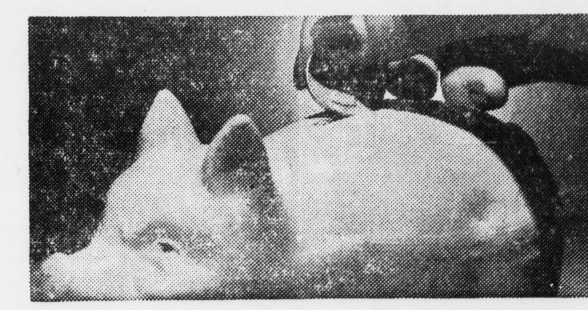

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